

## **Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 72**

### **RESOLUTION CHAPTER 140**

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 72—Relative to California Native American Day.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

ACR 72, Mendoza. California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference and California Native American Day.

This measure would recognize the importance of California Native American Day, celebrated this year on September 28, 2007, and the annual California Cultural Awareness Conference to the enhancement of awareness of California Indian culture.

WHEREAS, California is home to more federally recognized Indian tribes than any other state in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The cultural and governmental contributions of the native peoples of California have shaped the course for the state throughout history; and

WHEREAS, California designated the fourth Friday of every September as California Native American Day; and

WHEREAS, California Native American Day is celebrated in this state by tribes and communities across the state, and is a day for educators of California to teach factual California Indian history in schools; and

WHEREAS, California Indian tribes are committed to contributing to the educational curricula provided by the state and believe in providing new and improved educational resources about the varied cultural histories of, and governance models used by, California Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, Since 1999, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, in conjunction with the California State University at San Bernardino, have conducted a program to share Native American culture with the children and educators of San Bernardino County; and

WHEREAS, This year the San Manuel Tribal Unity and Cultural Awareness Program and the Santos Manuel Student Union at the California State University at San Bernardino are cosponsors of a five-day conference designed to enhance the awareness of and discuss California Indian culture; and

WHEREAS, The California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference will be held concurrently with California Native American Day and will assist educators by providing new educational resources regarding the rich and varied lives of the California Indian Nations; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the importance of California Native American Day, celebrated this year on September 28, 2007, and the annual California Cultural Awareness Conference to the enhancement of awareness of California Indian culture; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.